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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER OUTLINES GOL FOREIGN POLICY

ON OCTOBER 29, IN A MAJOR PRONOUNCEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY
AS PART OF BUDGETARY DEBATE, PRIME MINISTER (AND
FOREIGN MINISTER) GASTON THORN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS
OF INTEREST:

1. EC. ALTHOUGH THE EC IS GAINING INCREASING INTER-
NATIONAL RECOGNITION, THE COMMUNITY IS IN INTERNAL
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DISORDER. COMMON EC POLICIES HAVE BEEN FEW, AND

EVEN PREVIOUS COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN SHAKEN. WHILE THE CAP SHOULD BE RETAINED, ADAPTATIONS AND CORRECTIONS ARE NECESSARY. LUXEMBOURG MUST CONTINUE TO RETAIN ITS RIGHTS AS AN EC CAPITAL. IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, HMG MUST MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON ITS EC MEMBERSHIP.

2. ENERGY. INSUFFICIENTLY ORGANIZED AND LACKING A COMMON OUTLOOK, THE EC HAS SHOWN ITSELF INCAPABLE OF PLAYING A MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE ENERGY CRISIS. THE AMERICAN ECG INITIATIVE WAS DESIGNED TO FIND A COHERENT RESPONSE TO CURRENT ENERGY PROBLEMS. THE GOL REGRETS THAT THE EC COMMISSION HAS NOT BEEN PRESENT IN THE ECG AND BELIEVES THAT FRANCE'S ABSENCE FROM THE ECG WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE FUTURE EC ENERGY COOPERATION.

3. EC/ARAB RELATIONS. WHILE CONDEMNING EXCESSIVE PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES, THE GOL FAVORS ALL FORMS OF DIALOGUE WITH THE ENERGY PRODUCERS, INCLUDING COOPERATION WITH THE ECG. THE EC MAY ALSO HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN CLOSE AND MUST BE EXPANDED. LUXEMBOURG HAS ALWAYS HAD EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND WANTS BETTER CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD AS WELL. THE PALESTINIANS MUST ALSO BE FULLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE ARAB/ISRAELI DISPUTE. LUXEMBOURG ABSTAINED ON THE PLO ISSUE AT THE CURRENT UNGA BECAUSE IT OBJECTED TO THE DANGEROUS PRECEDENT OF HAVING A NON-MEMBER ORGAN ADMITTED BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BUT THE GOL DOES NOT MINIMIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND PROBLEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DIVIDED EC VOTE ON THE PLO ISSUE REVEALED THE FRAILTY OF EUROPE'S POLITICAL VOICE.

4. EUROPEAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE. THE GOL AND ITS BENELUX PARTNERS BELIEVE THAT AN EC SUMMIT MUST DEAL WITH CONCRETE ISSUES SUCH AS INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, REGIONAL POLICY AND ENERGY. THE EC SHOULD ALSO AGREE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE DIRECT ELECTION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. THE PRACTICE OF THE VETO WITHIN THE EC

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SHOULD BE LIMITED. MATTERS DISCUSSED UNDER THE PROVISOS OF THE ROME TREATY AND THOSE INVOLVING POLITICAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED.

5. RELATIONS WITH THE US. "THE PERIOD OF DIFFICULT RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES IS BEHIND US AND, BY COMMON ACCORD, WE HAVE DROPPED THE SWEEPING PROJECTS FOR GLOBAL AND FORMAL REDEFINITION OF OUR RELA-

TIONS, INCLUDING THE FORMALIZATION OF OUR CONSULTATIONS.
WE HAVE ACHIEVED A NORMAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND A
COLLABORATION WITHOUT SERIOUS FRICTION....." "FOLLOWING
RECENT PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEBATE BEFORE THE AMERICAN
CONGRESS, IT SEEMS AS IF THE TRADE REFORM BILL WILL SOON
BE PASSED, ALLOWING THE IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL
NEGOTIATIONS, STARTED IN LATE 1973 IN TOKYO, TO BEGIN
EARLY NEXT YEAR."

6. FULL TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/WE.

7. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. FARKAS

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